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### **REMARKS**

An Official Action has not yet issued in respect of the above-identified application. Amendment of the present application by way of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested having regard to the above amendments to the claims and the following comments.

#### **In the Claims**

Claims 1 to 19 are herein provided, including new claims 14 to 19.

Original claims 1 to 10 are herein amended to more precisely formulate the subject matter thereof.

New claim 14 depends on amended claim 1 and further specifies preferred substrates of PEX, as disclosed on page 8 of the present application.

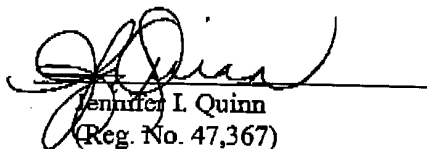
New claims 15 to 19 are directed to a method of identifying a compound that modulates PEX enzymatic activity. Support for the subject matter of new claims 15 to 19 can be found on page 8, line 7 to page 9, line 10 and page 29, lines 6-30 of the present application.

Favourable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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